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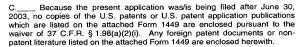
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 - 3. X Other: Abstracts and International Search Report
- C. ____The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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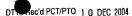
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